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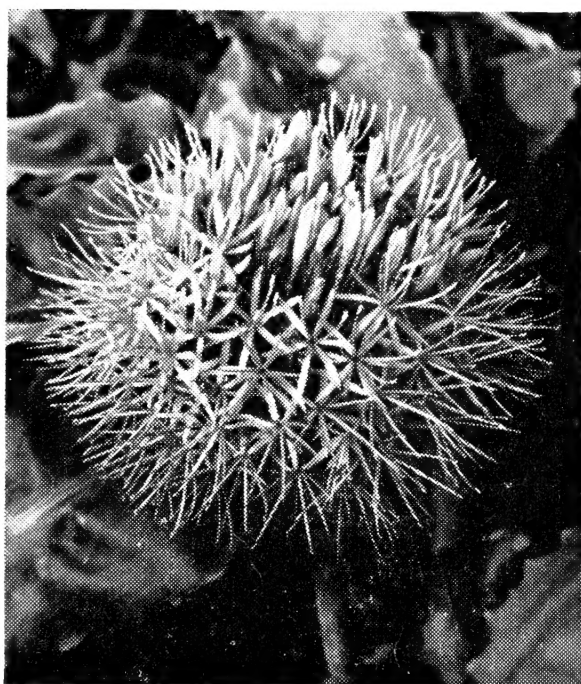
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# SPECIAL BULB OFFERING

HAEMANTHUS KATHERINAE



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P. O. BOX 750

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

## HAEMANTHUS KATHERINAE

We are offering this year an outstanding item, *Haemanthus Katherinae*, which we can for the first time supply in reasonable volume. This is described in an article in *The Flower Grower* for February, 1948, page 140, by Mrs. E. O. Orpet of Santa Barbara, California, who saw a bed in bloom. A description of the plant may also be found in the *Florists Exchange* for November 29, 1947.

The flowers at a distance look like great globes of orange lifting their heads a foot or more above a sea of brilliant apple green. At closer range these globes appear as superb globular flower umbels of varying sizes six to nine inches in diameter. Each is entirely covered with six-petaled, coral-colored florets bearing long stamens tipped in vivid orange. Each individual floret is flat, approximately two inches in diameter and exquisite in detail, and would furnish good corsage material for several days. A few of these may be picked without destroying the effect of the entire flower head and will remain fresh without water for several days. The plant itself is interesting and when mature sometimes has a leaf spread of more than a yard across.

This item is a recent introduction from South Africa. It grows from seed and forms a large bulb. The plant flowers in from three to four years and thereafter bulbs may develop as many as five offsets in two years. The plant is green except for a period of dormancy in the winter. It likes a shady situation outdoors in a frost-free location and enjoys a rich sandy loam soil with good drainage. The bulbs can also be grown and flowered in eight to ten-inch pots in patios and sheltered outdoor living rooms. In the north they can be handled as window plants or grown under glass in pots which can be set out after danger of frost is over. The plants bloom in the summer from June to September.

Price \$2.50 each to dealers, 20% off to wholesalers. Order early as bulbs must be dug and delivered in February or March. Only blooming size bulbs delivered.

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